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## UTAH STATE TAX COMMISSION

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Utah State Tax Commission last-minute filing statistics**

#### ***Extended counter assistance hours***

Tax Commission and IRS counter service hours on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>: 8:30-2:30.

Both state and federal returns will be accepted at the IRS and the Tax Commission offices.

#### ***Filing numbers***

*We have received about 571,000 returns as of April 10th.*

*About 42%, or 413,000 of this year's filers are waiting until the last week to file.*

#### ***Electronic filing***

We are seeing a 48% increase over last year in the number of e-filers.

Over 35,000 people have telefiled, and almost 225,000 have e-filed to date.

Returns can be electronically filed several ways:

- by tax preparers
- using purchased software packages
- by telefiling returns using the Internet or a touch-tone phone.

Last minute filers tend to be more likely to file on paper than e-file.

We anticipate about 32% of all filers will choose to e-file in 2002.

#### ***Refunds***

The average refund for the week of April 8<sup>th</sup> was about \$450.

E-filers will only wait about two weeks for their refunds to arrive, even if they file on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Paper returns will wait six- to eight-weeks for their refund checks to arrive.

#### ***Tax assistance available***

Low-income and elderly Utahns who need help preparing simple income tax returns can find locations of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) return preparation sites on-line. The VITA and TCE sites are listed at: [www.incometax.utah.gov/vita.html](http://www.incometax.utah.gov/vita.html).

#### ***More information***

For state and federal income tax forms and information, visit [www.incometax.utah.gov](http://www.incometax.utah.gov).

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